GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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RAIN-WATER HARVESTING
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recommended to the urban local bodies mandatory measures for incorporating rain-water harvesting in building bye laws; and

(b) if so, the result of these measures?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a)&(b): No, Sir. However, the Central Ground Water Authority has issued Guidelines on Artificial Recharge of Ground Water to the States/Union Territories to enable them to formulate area specific artificial recharge schemes to conserve and use rain water. The Model Building Bye Laws brought out by the Ministry of Urban Development has incorporated the provision of Rainwater Harvesting which have been circulated to all the State Governments.

Some of the State Governments viz. Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Kerala, Tripura, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal have incorporated the provisions of Rainwater Harvesting in their Building Bye Laws.